

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Televisions or videocassette recorders ~~is~~ are provided with an on-screen function of displaying information that indicates the state of the device, such as the channel or the programming of recording, on the television screen.

Please replace the paragraph at page 20, line 23, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Initially, character data of characters that are to be displayed on the display are written by the display character setting unit 100 at predetermined positions in the video RAM 200. At this time, as shown in figure 7, the character attribute codes ~~includes~~ include a code indicating a start position of desired character modification and a code indicating the number of characters that are subjected to the character modification.

Please replace the paragraph at page 22, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Further, in the third embodiment, the description has been given of the case where the character modification is performed at two positions per line, ~~while~~ but alternatively it is possible to perform the character modification at ~~only~~ one position per line.